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(C) Kiribati's Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Elliot Ali, told Ambassador Dinger 10/26 that Kiribati has decided to switch its vote from Venezuela to Guatemala. Ali said the decision was made by Kiribati President Anote Tong after separate conversations 10/25 in Nadi with the Ambassador and EAP/ANP Office Director McGann. Ali said formal instructions are being drafted to change Kiribati's vote via the proxy cast by New Zealand. The instructions should be conveyed by the end of the day 10/26 (Kiribati time).
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